

Ocean County Board of Health  
 175 Sunset Avenue  
 Toms River, New Jersey  
 June 8, 2022  
 9:30 AM

The Regular Meeting of the Ocean County Board of Health was called to order on June 8, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room, at 175 Sunset Avenue, Toms River, Ocean County, New Jersey, with Chairman John J. Mallon presiding.

### 1. Reading of “Open Public Meeting Act:”

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman asked everyone to join him in honoring our military service members who protect our freedom every day.

### 3. Roll Call:

Ms. Jennifer Bacchione  
 Dr. Maurice Hill  
 Dr. Theresa Kubiel  
 Ms. Veronica Laureigh  
 Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro  
 Senator Robert Singer  
 Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman

Daniel E. Regenye, Public Health Coordinator  
 Mathew Thompson, Board Counsel  
 Commissioner Gary Quinn, Liaison to the Board of Commissioners

### 4. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes:

On motion made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, with Dr. Theresa Kubiel and Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro abstaining, the open meeting minutes from the May 11, 2022 meeting were approved.

Name	Bacchione	Hill	Kubiel	Laureigh	Mancini	Scaturro	Singer	Mallon
Ayes	X	X		X			X	X
Abstain			X			X		
Nays								
Absent					X			

Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman, asked for a motion for the consent agenda on resolutions 145(22) through 155(22) and to follow the abstention list. Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

### 5. Adoption of Resolutions:

**Resolution 145(22)** – Ratification of Finance Committee Report – May 25, 2022 - \$170,416.36  
 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 146(22)** – Finance Committee Report – June 8, 2022 - \$907,622.60 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Dr. Theresa Kubiel abstaining on Items #22-01053, #22-01064, #22-01065, #22-01106 and #22-01111; and Senator Robert Singer abstaining on Items #22-01053, #22-01064, #22-01065, #22-01106 and #22-01111, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 147(22)** – Personnel Committee Report – June 8, 2022 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Ms. Jennifer Bacchione abstaining on Item #11; and Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman abstaining on Item #13, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 148(22)** – Authorization for a change on the accumulation and usage of vacation leave time from 2022 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 149(22)** – Authorization to execute a purchase order with Winner Ford – for nine (9) 2022 Ford Escape SE – utilizing Ocean County Cooperative Contract System – in an amount not to exceed \$246,627.00 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 150(22)** – Authorization to enter into a fee-for-service contract with Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey (VNACJ) – Cancer Education and Early Detection services – reimburse the Ocean County Health Department allowable expenses in an amount not to exceed \$39,245.16 – for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 151(22)** – Authorization to accept the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Program Grant – in an amount not to exceed \$287,920.00 – for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 – and to forward the Letter of Agreement to the Ocean County Board of Commissioners – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 152(22)** – Authorization to accept the HIV, STD and TB Services (DHSTS) Ryan White Part B Program (RWHAP) grant – in an amount not to exceed \$355,946.00 – for the period April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 153(22)** – Authorization to enter into IDRC affiliation agreements – for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024 – at no cost to the Ocean County Health Department – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 154(22)** – Authorization to enter into a Linkage Agreement with IRON Recovery and Wellness Center, Inc. – HIV prevention and treatment programs – at no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 155(22)** – Authorization for the Township of Lacey be requested to pay all appropriate surrender fees for the cats on Appendix A – and authorization to waive all impound/holding fees– Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Ms. Veronica Laureigh abstaining, and unanimously approved.

## 6. Comments: Commissioner Gary Quinn, Liaison to the Board of Commissioners:

**Comments from Commissioner Gary Quinn:** Commissioner Gary Quinn, Liaison to the Board of Commissioners discussed the County America Rescue Plan (ARP) meeting. Commissioner Quinn stated that it was a preliminary meeting to get a feel for all the different entities in the county and what everyone is looking for as funding. Commissioner Quinn stated that next week would be another meeting. Commissioner Quinn added to let Mr. Daniel Regenye, Public Health Coordinator/Health Officer and Mr. Brian Rumpf, Director of Administration and Program Development know if there are any interest or anything they want before the next meeting. Commissioner Quinn stated that now would be the time to make your requests and to make sure the funding needed here at the Board of Health does come this way because it is important to utilize the monies where it is most essential.

## 7. Other Matters:

**Thank you:** Mr. Daniel Regenye, Public Health Coordinator/Health Officer thanked the Ocean County Board of Commissioners for all the ongoing work and collaboration over the course of time with COVID, the CARES ACT money and now ARP funding. Mr. Regenye expressed his gratitude on behalf of the Ocean County Health Department for all the support and leadership from the Commissioners and the Ocean County Administration.

**Award:** Mr. Regenye referred to the Board packet, which included a certificate recognizing some of the staff and Mr. Scott Carter, Chief Administrative Services. The Ocean County Health Department is the recipient of the New Jersey Influenza Honor Roll thanks to much of Mr. Carter's efforts and that of his team. Mr. Regenye stated that the New Jersey Department of Health acknowledges the commitment and the great work of the Ocean County Health Department clinics to vaccinate the residents against seasonal flu also in conjunction with the COVID work. Mr. Regenye added that it is nice to see the staff recognized by the New Jersey Department of Health.

Chairman Mallon noted that he was not aware of the State Honor Roll. Mr. Regenye confirmed there is one and that the Health Department had received an award last year very similar to this year's award.

**COVID-19:** Mr. Regenye transitioned into COVID testing and vaccination. Mr. Regenye stated that the Health Department continues with COVID testing and vaccinations. Mr. Regenye added that the agency is adjusting the schedule between the different sites throughout the county. Mr. Regenye stated that COVID clinics are held at the Health Department, Ocean County College and as needed and requested throughout Ocean County.

Mr. Regenye stated that he spoke at the Superintendent Roundtable yesterday. Mr. Regenye informed the Board that he did offer, once again, to all the Superintendents present if any of the schools would be interested in having a vaccination clinic; the Ocean County Health Department would certainly help set that up. Mr. Regenye stated that the Back-to-School Taskforce would continue this summer as it has for the past two summers. Mr. Regenye added that three meetings have been scheduled over the summer months to help with any new school guidance that would be coming out.

Senator Singer requested that the Superintendent Roundtable are made aware of all the information. Mr. Regenye stated that he did speak about that at yesterday's meeting. Mr. Regenye stated that the superintendents have the schedule of meetings for the summer time. Mr. Regenye added that when any new guidance comes out, that is a good forum to share it and

exchange thoughts and ideas. Mr. Regenye stated that superintendents, principals, nurses and anyone that has been designated as the COVID person for their school has been invited; there have been 100+ individuals participating in the past.

**Monkeypox:** Mr. Regenye updated the Board regarding Monkeypox. Mr. Regenye stated that the Health Department continues to monitor Monkeypox. Mr. Regenye stated that in Ocean County there was a suspect Monkeypox case last week, which did have a negative result.

Dr. Maurice Hill asked if you had been inoculated against Smallpox does that cross over. Mr. Regenye confirmed having the Smallpox vaccination does provide protection against Monkeypox. Ms. Jennifer Bacchione had questions about Monkeypox. Senator Singer explained Monkeypox is transmitted by close intimate contact.

Mr. Regenye reported that last week on a call with the CDC confirmed 20 cases of Monkeypox in the United States. Mr. Regenye stated that the CDC is referencing that they are actually looking at this more of a STD rather than a Smallpox viral airborne type of a close contact. Mr. Regenye informed the Board that of those 20 cases, the CDC had demographics of 17 confirmed cases of Monkeypox. Mr. Regenye stated that 16 of the 17 are categorized as males having sex with males and one was a heterosexual female. Mr. Regenye stated that the Health Department has been working with our STD clinic and that information has come out through the State Health Department.

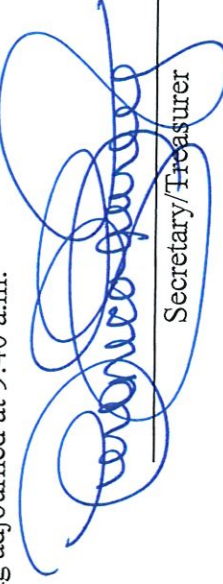
**Facebook:** Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro complimented the Health Department staff who posts the Ocean County Health Department short video clips on Facebook. Ms. Scaturro stated that when she is going through Facebook, the clips are so attractive and grabs her interest right away. Ms. Scaturro praised the work and added that the Health Department does a wonderful job and it is so important to address that population that may need a little bit extra help.

Mr. Regenye stated that the Health Department has contracted with Purplegator. Mr. Regenye added that the staff works with Purplegator to create some of that messaging made possible through grant funding. Mr. Regenye agreed that they have done a very good job with that.

**8. Comments from the Public: Comments from members of the audience were invited at this time with a limit of five (5) minutes per speaker:** Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman, asked if anyone from the public wished to speak. No one wished to speak.

**9. Authorization to Enter Into Closed Session If Necessary:** Closed Session was not needed at this time.

**10. Adjournment:** A motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, and the meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.



Secretary/Treasurer